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HASCALL hired a brass band, but it didn't play worth a cent.

"Go hire a hall, Hascall"—and they went and left him to himself.

A magnificent array of empty benches ratified the nomination of Hascall.

WISCONSIN'S legislature has adjourned, after reapportioning the state. The new districting gives the republicans five out of the seven districts.

THERE is a current belief in Washington that the national bank charter extension bill has been quietly put to death in the rooms of the congressional committee on banks and banking.

PRESIDENT ARTHUR has signed the bill giving to the widows of Presidents Polk, Tyler and Garfield each a pension of \$5,000. This establishes a precedent, which ensures the pensioning of all widows of presidents.

THIS is not a question of Walsh, but it is a question of good government. It is a question whether the corporations shall control the city council or whether the council shall be made up of men representing the people of Omaha.

THAT split among workmen which Thurston, Frank Walters and Doc Miller have been working for a week, is a great fizzle. It consists mainly of Hascall and a half a dozen strikers who were gloriously left to themselves on the Academy of Music stage.

A SOUTHERN paper speaking of the Jackson revival and who is to wear the old gentleman's boots, thinks that if it is to be any northern democrat, there must be some talk growing done between now and 1884. Mr. Tilden's attention is directed to this suggestive remark.

Mr. KEEFER is making himself the most unpopular speaker who has presided for thirty years over the house of representatives. In removing Mr. Hayes, one of the stenographers of the house, to make room for a personal friend, Speaker Keifer has drawn down upon himself the well deserved censure of congress and the press throughout the country. The reporters for the Congressional Record have always been selected irrespective of party and with a view solely to their professional qualifications. Mr. Keifer's Ohio idea will not impress the country favorably.

THE May Century is to have a brilliant list of contributors. Thomas Carlyle, James Russell Lowell, Edmund Clarence Stedman, W. D. Howells, Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett, Archibald Forbes, Constance Fenimore Woolson, John G. Saxe, Frank R. Stockton, Edward Everett Hale, Andrew Lang, Richard Grant White, "Uncle Remus," and H. C. Bunner, are names which are known in many fields of literature, and all these and more are to be represented in this notable number. Elihu Vedder furnishes the second of his cover-designs for special numbers, and the frontispiece portrait of James Russell Lowell is said to be an excellent likeness, as well as one of Mr. Knell's best engravings.

THE Virginia, Nevada, Chronicle says that the principle upon which railroad charges are made in this country is the same as that upon which the rack-renting landlords of Ireland rob their tenants. Both base their charges upon "what the traffic will bear." That is, if the Irish tenant has a few good harvests, or the price of farm produce rises, the landlord raises his rent and absorbs the increase. In this country the railroad base their freight rates upon the market value of the goods of the shipper.

A Los Angeles farmer, for example, goes to the office of the Southern Pacific railroad and asks what the charges will be for carrying a carload of potatoes to Tucson.

"What are potatoes selling for here?" the agent asks.

"Fifty cents per 100 pounds,"

"What are they selling for in Tucson?"

"Two dollars and a half."

"Then," says the agent, "the charge of carrying your potatoes there will be \$2 a hundred."

What is this but rack-renting, and rack-renting of the worst kind.

TAKE ANY SHAPE BUT THAT.

The business men of Omaha should for these two days before we make politics their business. The ranks of the so-called workmen organization are broken. On the one side are the real reputable workmen, who are members of the regular trades unions, on the other side is the yellow dog and d-d rascal hoodlum and loafer element.

Tuesday's vote will be unprecedentedly large. Every body and every thing will vote, and it behooves the taxpayers of this city to do their utmost to see that every vote possible is cast for some good man—for any body but the men whom Walsh and Rosewater are seeking to make their creatures in the city council. Take any shape but that.—Omaha Republican.

The organ of the corporations evidently takes the business men and tax payers for a set of knaves and fools. These corporation cappers ought to have a better memory, if they expect to succeed in hoodwinking business men into their schemes. Who is it that furnished the text for the "yellow dog and d-d rascal" editorials which have been the stock in trade of the monopoly editors? This foul language was uttered by this man Knight who heads the "respectable and reputable" faction of trades union men with the avowed purpose of electing Hascall, Hornberger & Co. to the council. And the "real reputable workmen" who are members of the regular trades unions have decided that they don't propose to be catspaws to such an outfit, not even to please the brass collared editors. Hascall, Knight & Co. called a meeting of workmen to ratify their nominations, and they were repudiated. Not a corporal's guard remained in the Academy of Music to ratify the scab ticket.

The ranks of the workmen are not broken. There is a gang of about fifteen or twenty Hascall strikers, largely made up from employees of the Omaha Republican and Herald, who have been hired to break the ranks of the workmen. But they have no following whatever. The decent and respectable workmen of Omaha, whom they and their monopoly employers call hoodlums, will never endorse notorious tricksters, shysters and gambling hell keepers. "Take any shape but that" we say. Elect any that hasn't sought to rob this city or who is not every day defiantly violating its laws.

Neither THE BEE nor Rosewater have advised workmen to vote for dishonest or disreputable men on whatever ticket they may be nominated. And the business men have by this time discovered that the "yellow dog" strife is not over preferred candidates but the Republican and Herald, who are in with Hascall because he helped their editors to a big fee for supporting the star route thieves, want anything but men who have the public good at heart.

THE ELECTION. It is the duty of every citizen, whether he is a merchant, manufacturer, banker, railroad or workmen to cast his vote next Tuesday for such candidates as will insure for Omaha an honest, efficient and economical administration and an equal and fair distribution of taxes. This is the position which THE BEE took at the outset, and which it has sought to impress upon the voters and tax-payers in general and workmen of Omaha in particular.

For the first time in the history of Omaha the railway managers have sought to drag on our business men into a movement that has for its object the election of men who are more or less under their control under the pretext that Omaha is in great danger from an organized mob of workmen who propose to take possession of the city government. For the first time in the history of the state we see the so-called organs of the republican and democratic parties, whose editors wear brass collars, united on one platform as endorsers of a bogus citizens' ticket, nominated by the henchmen of the corporations.

Now we concede the right of these corporation cappers to nominate and endorse whom they please, but we ask in all candor will business men and the workmen of Omaha permit themselves to be made catspaws to rake in the chestnuts for the corporation monkey, of which Thurston is the head and Frank Walters the tail.

It has been given out by the monopoly papers that the workmen of Omaha are divided in the middle; that the trades and labor unions of Omaha have united in the support of McGavock, Hascall, Hornberger et al., and that the laborers and strikers under Walsh have put up a ticket of their own in opposition to Hascall, McGavock and Hornberger. Now, as a matter of fact, the trades unions of Omaha have done no such thing. They are not political organizations any more than the Masons, Odd Fellows or Knights of Pythias. The trades unions have authorized nobody to put up a ticket for them, and no set of men carries them in their pockets for delivery on election day. The moulters, for instance, have passed resolution repudiating the attempt of certain parties to pledge them to any ticket, and there is no doubt that other trades

unions would do likewise if they thought it best to express an official opinion. It is true, however, that about twenty mechanics met in secret conclave and undertook to put up a ticket for the workmen of Omaha in the name, but without the authority of the trades unions. With two or three exceptions these parties were followers of Hascall and patrons of Hornberger, and Hascall with his usual cunning is trying to bamboozle workmen through them into his support. It is also evident that the young men who are thus being used to the detriment and disgrace of the working people, have the silent support of the corporation managers. The Republican says that this Hascall faction represents two thousand mechanics, while the workmen opposed to Hascall only number a handful. The Lincoln Journal, the official organ of the B. & M., falls in and pats the Hascall-Hornberger outfit on the back as follows:

The citizens of Omaha have united, regardless of party, to keep the city government out of the hands of what is called the hoodlum element. Among the candidates who are named for aldermen, are some who are nominated by the Knight faction of the workmen's union. It is fair to suppose the movement will be successful, which is certainly to be hoped.

So the Knight faction, so-called as "assistant citizen" for Doctor Miller, Casper Yost, the U. P. and B. & M. All the other workmen are hoodlums. McGavock, whom Dr. Miller, Thurston and Frank Walters have endorsed as a citizen candidate is also supported by the so-called Knight faction. And all those working people who oppose McGavock are hoodlums. Isaac S. Hascall, that pink of rascality who got his nomination on the republican ticket yesterday by a stuffed ballot box, repeaters and ruff-raff is sought to be imposed on respectable workmen as their representative candidate. And all other workmen who refuse to support Hascall are hoodlums.

Hornberger, who keeps a gambling room upstairs and a saloon downstairs, is endorsed with Hascall and McGavock as a representative of honest workmen and those who vote against him are hoodlums. It is true that Thurston's "citizens" in the Second and Third wards have put up candidates against Hascall and Hornberger, but that is only done on a blind. On election day the "citizens" of the Miller and Thurston stripe will be found working for Hascall and capping for Hornberger.

Now we say for the last time to the mechanics whom Hascall and Thurston are trying to use to divide workmen next Tuesday, stop playing into the hands of your enemies. Don't trickster and notorious rogues. Don't ask workmen to support Miller and Thurston's citizens. You had better go to defeat with respectable and honorable candidates than to succeed with rogues and rascals.

The ticket which the mass of the working masses propose to support will be announced Monday. We will speak for the present only of the candidates in the First and Second wards. Mr. Charles C. Thrane is a boot and shoemaker, whose shop is at 523 Tenth street; he has lived in Omaha for twelve years. He is a sober, industrious mechanic, with property interests in the ward. He is president of the Danish society, which shows that he enjoys the confidence and respect of the nationality from which he springs. He is also the candidate of the republican party, but is not endorsed by Dr. Miller's citizens.

The next councilman in the Second ward, Fred Behm, is a member of the firm of Baldwin & Behm, house movers. There is not a harder working and more respected man in the city. He served in the First Nebraska regiment during the war and since the war has been closely identified with the growth of this city. He is a level headed, vigorous and honest, and as against Hascall he ought to receive the support of every class of citizens.

IMPRISONED IRISH-AMERICAN.

It is a well-known fact that a number of citizens of the United States are now in close confinement in English prisons in Ireland, unconvicted of crime and denied the right of trial for their alleged offenses. Several of these men have been imprisoned for over a year. They claim to be innocent of the causes of their arrest, and innocent of crime. They have made repeated demands for trial and as American citizens have claimed the right belonging to them as members of this republic.

The attention of our government was directed some months ago to the cases of M'Sweeney and Boyton, and was urged to act promptly in the matter. Beyond a letter to Minister Lowell asking him to bring the complaint of the imprisoned Irish-Americans to the attention of the British government, nothing has been done, and there has been a laxity on the part of the government, and a tardiness on the part of our minister to the court of St. James which is inexcusable if not criminal. An act of congress passed July 27, 1868, makes the duty of the government plain and

simple. "Sec. 2001, revised statutes of the United States," reads as follows:

"Whenever it is made known to the president that any citizen of the United States has been unjustly deprived of his liberty by or under the authority of any foreign government, it shall be the duty of the president forthwith to demand of that government the reasons of such imprisonment; and, if it appear to be wrongful and in violation of the rights of American citizenship, the president shall forthwith demand the release of such citizen, and if the release so demanded is unreasonably delayed or refused the president shall use such means, not amounting to acts of war, as he may think necessary and proper to obtain or effectuate the release; and all the facts and proceedings relative thereto shall, as soon as practicable, be communicated by the president to congress."

And now the question is whether our government proposes to extend to these men the full protection that their allegiance to it guarantees. As American citizens they cannot commit crime with impunity under a foreign government. But as American citizens they are entitled to know the cause for their arrest. They are entitled to a speedy trial on charges of whatever nature brought against them. And it is the duty of our government to call for speedy proof of their guilt or else to demand their prompt and unconditional release.

The citizens of New York have united in a call, which is headed by Mayor Grace and Chas. A. Dana, for a mass meeting to be held this evening for the purpose of protesting against this arbitrary action on the part of the British government and the tardiness of our own authorities in righting a grievous wrong. The sentiment of the meeting will be generally endorsed throughout the country by citizens of every nationality. The honor of American citizenship is at stake and must be protected. If Boyton, M'Sweeney and their fellows are criminals our people want to know it. If they are innocent men, imprisoned without cause, as seems to be the case, that fact should also be made known. But under any circumstances the application of the coercion act to citizens of the United States is unprecedented and unjustifiable, and cannot be defended on grounds of either justice or international equity.

REFORM the primaries has become the cry in New York state. The movement which has for its object the purifying of the fountain heads of our political institution is rapidly spreading. Nebraska will not long remain unaffected. In no state is a law regulating the primary elections more urgently needed.

STATE JOTTINGS.

Tong Pine is looming up.

The masons at York are getting \$4.00 a day.

Hastings has started a tree planting boom.

"Soap bubble" socials are all the rage at Fairbury.

Tecumseh claims a population of not less than 2,000.

Johnson has seven representatives in the state prison.

Horace Clark, the horse-thief, goes to the penitentiary for five years.

The contract price of the new wings of the Insane Hospital is \$31,000.

There is hardly a town in Nebraska but what is calling loudly for a brick-yard.

Wesley Thompson suddenly skipped out of Chester to avoid a thrashing for indecency.

The postoffice at Blair is being enlarged to meet the demands of rapidly increasing business.

Junists are having acrometry if the farmers in the vicinity will pledge requisite number of cows.

The immigration to northwestern Nebraska this spring promises to eclipse any in two years before.

Fairbury has closed the contract for a three-story brick block, eighty-four feet front by seventy deep.

The wife of John Lynch, who died recently at Fremont, married another man before John was buried.

Oakland refuses to secure a much needed enterprise, a brickyard. A \$10,000 brick hotel is now talked of.

C. S. Black, the Beatrice miller, was severely injured by falling from a stone abutment into the river, last week.

The county treasurer of Sheridan county is "behind" in his accounts \$1,024.85. His sureties were called upon to back up.

Peace must be preserved in Omaha if every militiaman in the state has to buy an unarmed old man.—[Wayne County Review.]

A sale of blooded stock at Helena Station, Washington county, last week, brought \$6,000. Yearlings brought \$17 per head.

A bold thief made off with a horse and buggy at Columbus last week. He was captured with his booty at York and is now in prison.

The governor has set apart April 19th as Arbor Day. On that day it is expected that every man in the state will set out at least one tree.

The progressive girls of Blair are arming themselves by learning elocution and becoming experts in the "broom drill."

Who will care for hubby now?

Company G of Beatrice was tendered a reception by the ladies of the town last week. The veterans of the labor rebellion were the "lone" of the hour.

Farmers along the Missouri and Platte bottoms in Cass County are making the dirt fly and already have a large acreage of ground sown with small grain.

The son of Olof Nelson, who lives about four miles from Oakland, was killed in the head by a horse, just above the left eye, and seriously injured.

The grand high mogul of the Hastings Bachelors' Club, is reported to have said: "Next to an effeminate man, there is nothing so disagreeable as a man in a woman."

Two Dodge county farmers fricked about the courts over the ownership of a calf until the costs amounted to \$300. The plaintiff finally got a verdict for five cents.

The masons of Grand Island have contracted for a substantial hall building, to

cost \$10,280. The building is to be 44x78 feet, two stories high; is to be built of brick with white cut stone trimming.

A Hoosier, fresh from Posey county, tried to convince a native at Tekamah that Indiana was superior to Nebraska physically, mentally and agriculturally. The first test lasted 30 seconds, when the Hoosier cried enough.

The board of public lands and buildings have requested the judges of each district in the state to abstain from sending any more girls to the state reform school. Just now there are nineteen inmates in the school, thirteen boys and six girls.

The small pox has broken out in a German family in H. precinct, Seward county, recently arrived from Germany. They arrived three or four weeks ago, and are stopping six or seven miles east of Seward and it is supposed they contracted the disease in Chicago.

Another youth has climbed aloft by the aid of a shot gun that wasn't loaded. The five-year-old son of S. H. Wisely, a farmer near Osceola, is the latest victim. Those who fool with firearms should first be cured a wooden overcoat, so that the funeral procession can move promptly.

A Lincoln contractor bid \$3.00 a year for carrying the mail twice a week, for four years, from Blair to Tekamah, via Nero, Omaha and A. Der Grove, thirty-eight miles and back, and was awarded the contract. He is now looking for another "chump" to sub let to.

Miss Jane Maples, "only a farmer's daughter," living south of Plattsmouth, attempted to ease her heartache with a spoonful of arsenic. A doctor wrestled manfully with grim death, and at last accounts the odds were against him. She quarreled with her fellow.

The Falls City Journal proposes to start a museum for the edification of the public. "A sample of Gov. Nance's nerve, displayed in a glass case," will occupy the place of honor. As a companion piece, it is proposed to seal in plaster casts of the heads which the officials of Omaha lost on the 9th of March.

A man named James Edward was smothered to death in a well in Johnson county last week. He was engaged in digging a well, and had been in the depth of thirty-five feet when it caved in upon him. A large crowd immediately gathered and faithfully worked for fifty-two hours before his body was recovered.

Mrs. Martha J. Parmelee, widow of Mrs. C. H. Parmelee, Mrs. Robert, Mrs. Pottinger and Mrs. Robine, of Plattsmouth, and Mrs. Dodge, Mrs. Hutchinson and Mrs. Elam Parmelee, of the vicinity of Plattsmouth, at Plattsmouth last Tuesday. She was 77 years old and lived at Plattsmouth since August, 1857.

A company has been organized in Kearney for the purpose of building the long-talked-of canal, the convenient water power may be obtained for manufacturing purposes and for fire protection. The articles of agreement are signed and filed in the office of the county clerk, and contain 21 signatures. The capital stock is \$100,000.

A terrific gonging match occurred in Wahoo last week, in which a portion of the brave "Fragers" participated. Too much language was at the bottom of the row, and several of the men and bi-city scalps was the result. "Order and good government" was finally established without the aid of the military and naval force of the state.

A terrible accident happened near Brownville last week. Mr. Milton Shubert, a prosperous farmer just south of Aspinwall, while driving into town along the street that runs parallel with the E. & M. railroad, the Calvert train was just starting, his horse became frightened and threw Mr. S. out of the wagon, killing him instantly.

The assessors of Clay county have valued swine at 10 per hundred weight sheep, \$1.25 per head; cows, \$5 and \$12 per head; hogs according to weight; work stock, \$40; horses, \$10, \$20, \$25 and \$40 per head; farm wagons, 25; plows, one-half value; agricultural implements, organs, sewing machines, washing machines, and silverware, one-third cost; notes, cash value; raw land, \$1 to \$5 per acre—implements, one-third cost.

The North Platte Telegraph claims that Nebraska is the state in the union, on the ground that a piece of freight weighing between seven and eight hundred pounds cost only \$14.75 to transport it from Syracuse, N. Y., to the U. P. transfer at Council Bluffs, a distance of 1,200 miles. From the transfer to North Platte, a distance of 294 miles, is where Nebraska shows her leading position, for the tariff was \$28.11. Now that a rich community can bear such a tariff as that.

The seven-year-old daughter of John Herman, of Osceola, met a horrible death last week. A neighbor had set fire to a lot of corn stalks and the little girl, in company with her brother near the same age, were playing around the fire. Suddenly her clothes took fire and the little boy, after vainly endeavoring to check the flames, ran to the house, about thirty rods distant, and called for help. When the agonized father reached the spot he found the little one in the last agonies of death, stark naked, except her shoes, the surface of her body burned to a crisp.

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